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" (b) Four maternity centres are working in Chirakkal taluk. The centres are located at Mattool, Baliapattam, Aichur and Pappinisseri."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there are number of deaths of mothers during child birth for want of medical facilities and scientific guidance and in view of the fact that even the Malabar District Board by a resolution requested the Government to help them in starting the maternity centre in Kambil, Chirakkal taluk, even 15 years back, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the question of sanctioning a maternity centre for Kambil, Chirakkal taluk."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are not directly running any maternity or child-welfare centres; in view of the short finances of the District Boards, Government are giving fifty per cent maintenance grant for the maternity centres started in Malabar as against one-fourth grant given for other places."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, since the Government by themselves are not proposing to give this elementary amenity to the people, will the Government at least make some grants if the Panchayat boards start these centres? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. They are allowed to start maternity centres. The Payanoor Panchayat Board has opened one."

Collection of sales tax in South Kanara.

* 229 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri M. S. Mogral is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total receipts under sales tax for the year 1952–53 in the district of South Kanara; and

(*b*) the expenditure incurred for the collection of this tax?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Rs. 30,84,271–4–6.

" (*b*) Rs. 1,36,932–1–1."

Quantity of petrol allotted to the Prohibition department in South Arcot district.

* 230 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total quantity of petrol allotted for the years 1952 and 1953 for the Prohibition department and the actual quantity consumed in South Arcot district; and

(*b*) if there is any difference in the quantities, the reasons for the same?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" (a) The total quantity of petrol allotted for use by the Prohibition department in the South Arcot district was 2,000 gallons in 1952 and 2,200 gallons in 1953; and the quantity consumed was 1,584 gallons and 1,874 gallons respectively.

" (b) The reasons for the difference in consumption in 1952 were that two of the jeeps allotted to the District were out of the road for want of tyres and tubes and due to major repairs. In 1953, also, these two jeeps continued to be out of the road till September. Besides this one more jeep and one van were out of the road for want of tyres and tubes."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" During the last session, Sir, when I put the question regarding the number of vehicles that were put out of order and hence not in use, the answer was given then by the Hon. Minister concerned that everything was in order. Now the Hon. Minister says that a considerable number, more than two vehicles, were out of order and there was less consumption of petrol also. When such is the attitude of the Government in helping the Prohibition forces to check Prohibition offences, how can the Prohibition staff effectively check Prohibition offences? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" Sir, the answer given last time was till September. Some vehicles and vans went out of order after the time the answer was given to the hon. Member."

Supply of water from Singadivakkam tank for irrigation purposes.

* 231 *Q.*—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 10-10 a.m.

(*a*) whether the ryots of Thirumalpet village, Parandur firka, Kancheepuram, Chingleput district, have sent any memorial to him complaining

(i) that the water from Singadivakkam tank intended for the irrigation of their lands in Thirumalpet village actually flows into the channel leading to Singadivakkam village, which is on a lower level; and

(ii) that the channel would remain utterly useless to them, if water is not let out into their channel straight from inside the tank or by means of a separate sluice, instead of collecting water in a common cement reservoir and then letting it out through separate apertures; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the defects?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"(*a*) & (*b*) The petition from the ryots of Thirumalpet village presented by the hon. Member is separately under the consideration of the Government."